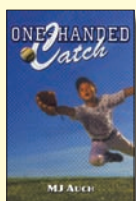




2009–2010 Iowa Children's Choice Award



One-Handed Catch

M.J. Auch

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.



Surprises according to Humphrey

Betty G. Birney

While continuing to help his classmates solve their problems, Humphrey, pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, faces many surprises, like rolling in a hamster ball, a substitute janitor who might be an alien, and the possibility of Mrs. Brisbane retiring.



The Black Tower

Betsy Byars

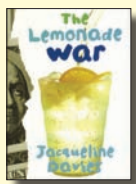
Herculeah Jones has been reading aloud to Lionus Hunt, an elderly stroke victim who can only communicate by blinking his eyes. He seems to be trying to tell Herculeah something. Is it related to a murder that took place in the mansion's black tower years ago?



No Talking

Andrew Clements

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.



The Lemonade War

Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade. As the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100.



Julia's Kitchen

Brenda A. Ferber

When her mother and younger sister are killed in a house fire, 11-year-old Cara struggles to find a way to deal with her emotions and to reach out to her grieving father.



Eleven

Patricia Reilly Giff

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, he has memories from his past. With the help of a new friend at school and a school project, his questions are eventually answered.



The Liberation of Gabriel King

K.L. Going

In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade.



The Homework Machine

Dan Gutman

Four fifth-grade students—a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker—as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments



Double Identity

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew.



Winnie at Her Best

Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Zoe is the smartest speller and Vanessa is the top actress in the fourth grade, but Winnie doesn't know what she does best until she helps a young neighbor in need.



The Year of the Dog: A Novel

Grace Lin

When Pacy's mom tells her that the Chinese year of the dog is a good year for friends, family, and "finding herself," Pacy begins searching right away. She struggles to find her talent, deals with disappointment, makes a new best friend, and discovers just why the year of the dog is a lucky one for her after all.

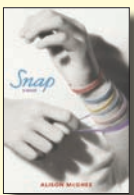


A Dog's Life:

The Autobiography of a Stray

Ann M. Martin

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.



Snap: A Novel

Alison McGhee

Eleven-year-old Edwina confronts old and new challenges when her longtime best friend Sally faces the inevitable death of the grandmother who raised her.



A Friendship for Today

Patricia C. McKissack

In 1954, when desegregation comes to Kirkland, Missouri, 10-year-old Rosemary faces many changes and challenges at school and at home as her parents separate.



Patience, Princess Catherine

Carolyn Meyer

In 1501, 15-year-old Catherine of Aragon arrives in England to marry Arthur, the eldest son of King Henry VII. She finds her expectations of a happy settled life radically changed when Arthur unexpectedly dies and her future becomes the subject of a bitter dispute between England and Spain.



Being Teddy Roosevelt

Claudia Mills

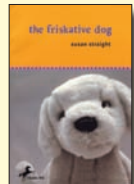
When he is assigned Teddy Roosevelt as his biography project in school, fourth-grader Riley finds himself inspired by Roosevelt's tenacity and perseverance and resolves to find a way to get what he most wants—a saxophone and music lessons.



The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures

Brian Selznick

When 12-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.



The Friskative Dog

Susan Straight

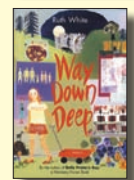
Sharron's father has disappeared, and she tries to cope with her feelings of loss through the love of a stuffed dog he gave her.



A Crooked Kind of Perfect

Linda Urban

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life



Way Down Deep

Ruth White

In the West Virginia town of Way Down Deep in the 1950s, a founding called Ruby June is happily living with Miss Arbutus at the local boarding house when suddenly, after the arrival of a family of outsiders, the mystery of Ruby's past begins to unravel.



Someone Named Eva

Joan M. Wolf

From her home in Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in 1942, 11-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as "proper Germans" for adoption by German families, but all the while she remembers her true name and history.



What I Call Life

Jill Wolfson

On "just a temporary detour from what I call life," Cal finds herself in a group home watched over by a strange old woman called the Knitting Lady. Cal can think of nothing but how to get out of this nuthouse, but it turns out that they all have more in common than they imagined.



15 Minutes

Steve Young

Seventh-grader Casey Little is always late until he discovers a magic watch that takes him back in time, a trick he uses both on and off the football field.

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